



## FSA At Work Across California - FY 2013

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over **\$460.5 million** in federal program payments and loans to California farmers and ranchers during FY 2013. Golden State agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated FSA staff and County Committee members." **Val Dolcini, State Executive Director**

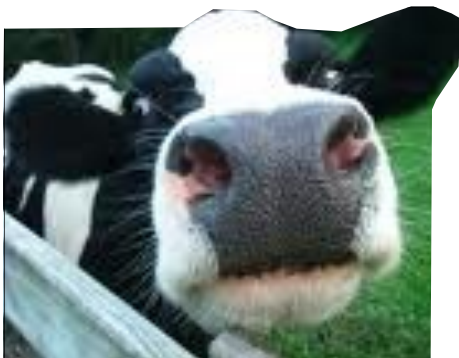
### Commodity and Price Support Programs: **\$315.5 million**

California farmers participated in a variety of Commodity Assistance programs during FY 2013. With the continuing high input costs, considerable market volatility, and other challenges, these programs provide additional risk management tools for growers.

#### **\$135,734,010 - Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)**

Direct payments provide income support to producers of eligible commodities based on production history (acreage and yields) and do not depend on the current production choices. Counter-cyclical payments are made when the effective price for eligible commodities is less than the target price.

**\$5,207,138 - Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)** is a revenue-based payments alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.



#### **\$143,274,198 -**

##### **Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs).**

Commodity Loans are available to eligible producers using crops as collateral. LDPs benefit producers

who agree to forgo a

commodity loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are low, if the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

**\$30,479,153 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)** provides protection and compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

#### **\$840,000 - Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for Farmers**

(TAAF) provided partial recovery funds and retraining to asparagus farmers and catfish farmers (for TAA) who have been adversely affected by U. S. trade policies and foreign assistance programs.



### Conservation and BioEnergy: **\$4.5 million**

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in California. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's largest and most effective environmental improvements program on a national level.

**\$4,133,636 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

**\$316,902 - Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)** provides similar financial incentives for the protection, restoration and enhancement of grasslands habitat by farmers and ranchers.

**\$41,591 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland



damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

**\$42,440 - Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)** was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to provide , incentive payments to encourage the planting and cultivation of crops that are prime feedstocks for energy production at qualified Biomass Conversion Facilities.

## Disaster Assistance for Farms and Ranches: \$18 million

FSA speeds recovery following natural disasters such as flood, freeze, fire and wind damage with various grower assistance programs.

**\$7,236,953 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)** is the disaster assistance program approved by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill. California growers suffering losses due to natural disasters received financial assistance to recover

and rebuild agricultural operations.

**\$10,222,597 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)** provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory,

or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

**\$43,509 - Tree Assistance Program (TA)** provides financial assistance to qualifying orchard operators to replace trees, bushes and vines lost due to natural disasters.



**\$508,535 - Livestock Forage Program (LFP)** provides funds to eligible agricultural producers who suffered losses on grazing land due to drought. This 2008 Farm Bill program focuses on drought severity determined by the national Drought Monitor.

**\$25,422 - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)** provides assistance to eligible producers who have suffered losses in those commodity areas. This 2008 Farm Bill program aids in the reduction of losses not covered by other FSA Disaster Programs.



## Operating and Ownership Loans: \$120.7 million

FSA obligated **\$122,557,000** in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, microloans and youth loans to eligible California producers who manage family-sized operations and were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

**\$82,701,209 - The Guaranteed Loan Program** works in tandem with conventional agricultural lenders to guarantee up to 90 or 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. This last year, FSA guaranteed 63 farm ownership loans and 127 operating loans.

**\$38,062,920 - The Direct Loan Program** provides assistance to those

unable to obtain credit elsewhere. FSA funded 39 direct farm ownership loans and 573 direct operating loans in FY2013.

**\$2,514,580 - Since its inception, the Microloan Program** has assisted 112 farmers with loans of \$35,000 or less. These loans

have helped build businesses, expand operations, and create new opportunities throughout rural California.

**Targeted Funding** - FSA in California is proud of its accomplishments in reaching out to minority populations and underserved areas. More than half (56.8%) of California FSA's lending went to Socially Disadvantaged farmers last year (350 loans). In addition, 203 loans were made to Beginning Farmers and 231 went to Young

Farmers

Currently 70% of the county offices have bi-lingual staff (including Spanish, Hmong, Portuguese, Punjabi, Arabic, Japanese and Chinese.)



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